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SUBJ: ECONOMIC NEGOTIATIONS

1. PHILIPPINE DAILY EXPRESS CARRIED REPORT JAN 21 THAT GOP IS NOW MORE INCLINED TO NEGOTIATE WITH U.S. ON A QUOTE BILATERAL (SIC) UNQUOTE BASIS, RATHER THAN QUOTE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEWLY-APPROVED U.S. TRADE ACT. UNQUOTE REASON FOR THIS REPORTED SWITCH IS APPARENT - REALIZATION THAT PROVISIONS OF TITLE V SEEM TO OFFER LITTLE IN THE WAY OF EXPECTED GSP ADVANTAGE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

2. COMMENT. STORY REFLECTS IN GARBLED FORM A PERSISTENT FILIPINO DOUBT THAT GSP WOULD REALLY MEET THEIR TRADE NEEDS. SUCH DOUBTS WERE RATHER FORCEFULLY EXPRESSED BY FILIPINO PANEL DURING JULY 1974 TECHNICAL TALKS, BUT GOP VIEW SINCE HAS SHIFTED TO MORE POSITIVE VIEW OF POSSIBLE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS UNDER TITLE I OF THE TRADE ACT. THIS VIEW RECENTLY WAS EXPRESSED IN A PUBLIC COMMENT BY FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA AND SEEMS MORE AND MORE TO PERMEATE THE JUDGEMENT OF OTHER GOP PANEL MEMBERS. AT WORK, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IS THE THOUGHT THAT A BILATERAL IN TIME MIGHT STEAL A WORTHWHILE MARCH ON POSSIBLY SLOW PROCEEDINGS IN THE TOKYO ROUND. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, A FEW FILIPINOS STILL CAUTIOUSLY HARBOR BILATERAL VISIONS

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